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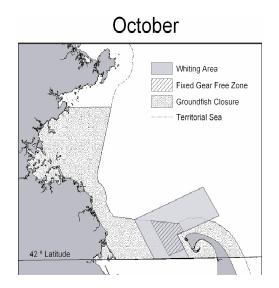


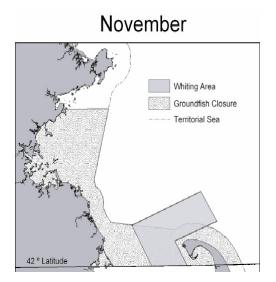
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

UPCOMING ROLLING GROUNDFISH CLOSURES

MarineFisheries issues this advisory to remind fishermen of groundfish rolling closures. Below are maps detailing the various rolling closures in effect for the months of October and November in waters of the Commonwealth (322 CMR 8.12). Additional fishing closures during the month of October prohibit the setting, storage, or abandonment of lobster pots in a portion of the upper Cape Cod whiting area, the Fixed Gear Free Zone (322 CMR 8.14).





Commercial fishermen are reminded that it is unlawful to possess or fish for regulated groundfish species taken from these areas while they are closed. State waters north of the 42° line to the 42° 30' line remain closed to fishing for groundfish through November 30th; state waters then reopen from December through February.

For further information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

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